

Subject: GOLDEN, Hank ; his trip to the USSR in summer of 1965

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1. Subject lives at 226 E. 6th St. Apt. C. Tel. 473-2549 New York, N.Y. He visited the USSR in summer 1965. His itinerary was from Japan to Irkutsk to Moscow and Leningrad. All together the trip lasted app. 3 weeks. From Irkutsk to Moscow he travelled by train, as from Moscow to Leningrad. Subject is a student at City College of N.Y. (having returned to college only this semester after living in Japan and the east for app. 2 years.) He is 24 years old, single. Subject gave the impression that he is bored with his present occupation and would like to travel more. He would like to return to the USSR in the near future. Politically subject is not excessively anti-communist, but considers himself a sensible anti-communist.
2. In Irkutsk Subject saw long lines of people waiting on line for basic food-stuffs. There was a considerable amount of grumbling, and complaining. In Irkutsk Subject was under the protection of a young Intourist guide who was also a student of the University in Irkutsk. The guide (a young girl) was studying English at the University. She seemed to be quite scared to talk with subject at first, but later became more friendly. In her conversation she seemed to be very defensive, even to an abnormal amount of unnecessary criticism of the U.S.
3. The train ride from Irkutsk to Moscow was long and dreary according to Subject. The train that he was supposed to go on was cancelled and he wound up on a train carrying many Chinese going to Moscow. He was put in a compartment with 7 other people, but later after complaining to the authorities he was given a less crowded compartment. Along the way Subject noticed that there was an armed guard on every rail-road bridge that was crossed. At every stop that the train made, it was washed by a brigade of laborers. (Subject managed to photograph some scenes from the train ride.)
4. Subject made a number of photographs on his trip and will show them to Source soon.

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